

20. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving second search input within the search field, the second search input added to the first search input to create cumulative search input;

means for determining, based on characteristics of the cumulative search input, whether to automatically submit a second query to a search engine;

means for automatically submitting the second query to the search engine, the second query based on the cumulative search input; and

means for displaying, within the web browser application, a second results web page returned from the second query submitted to the search engine, wherein the second results web page replaces the first results web page.

21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the first results web page is stored within a record of web pages accessed by the web browser application.

22. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first query is automatically submitted to the search engine if the first search input satisfies a temporal trigger.

23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein a temporal trigger is satisfied if a length of elapsed time without receiving further search input in addition to the first search input is greater than a predetermined time.

24. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the predetermined time is based on an average pause between typing successive characters by a user.

25. The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the predetermined time is based on a connection speed to the search engine.

26. The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the first query is automatically submitted to the search engine if the first search input satisfies a substantive trigger.

27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein a substantive trigger is satisfied if the first input includes at least one space character.

28. The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

means for receiving a selection of a first result from the first results web page, the first result associated with a first uniform resource locator (URL);

means for displaying a first web page associated with the first URL;

means for storing the first URL within a record of accessed web pages.

29. A machine-readable medium having instructions to cause a machine to perform a machine-implemented method comprising:

receiving first search input within a search field of a web browser application;

determining, based on characteristics of the first search input, whether to automatically submit a first query to a search engine;

automatically submitting the first query to the search engine, the first query based on the received first search input; and

displaying, within the web browser application, a first results web page returned from the first query submitted to the search engine.

30. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the search engine is an Internet search engine.

31. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the search input includes a portion of a keyword.

32. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the search field is included in a toolbar of the web browser application.

33. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the search field is included in a web page presented by the web browser application.

34. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving second search input within the search field, the second search input added to the first search input to create cumulative search input;

determining, based on characteristics of the cumulative search input, whether to automatically submit a second query to a search engine;

automatically submitting the second query to the search engine, the second query based on the cumulative search input; and

displaying, within the web browser application, a second results web page returned from the second query submitted to the search engine, wherein the second results web page replaces the first results web page.

35. The machine-readable medium of claim 34, wherein a uniform resource locator (URL) associated with the first results web page is stored within a record of web pages accessed by the web browser application.

36. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the first query is automatically submitted to the search engine if the first search input satisfies a temporal trigger.

37. The machine-readable medium of claim 36, wherein a temporal trigger is satisfied if a length of elapsed time without receiving further search input in addition to the first search input is greater than a predetermined time.

38. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the predetermined time is based on an average pause between typing successive characters by a user.

39. The machine-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the predetermined time is based on a connection speed to the search engine.

40. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the first query is automatically submitted to the search engine if the first search input satisfies a substantive trigger.

41. The machine-readable medium of claim 40, wherein a substantive trigger is satisfied if the first input includes at least one space character.

42. The machine-readable medium of claim 29, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving a selection of a first result from the first results web page, the first result associated with a first uniform resource locator (URL);

displaying a first web page associated with the first URL; storing the first URL within a record of accessed web pages.